## FISCAL NOTE

# **HJR 1238**

May 13, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Directs the Companion Animal Initiative of Tennessee (CAIT) at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine to conduct a study relative to animal sheltering and the maintenance of impounded animals in certified animal control agencies within the state. Requires CAIT to submit a written report of its findings to the House Agriculture committee no later than February 1, 2009.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

### Increase State Expenditures - \$42,400/One-Time

#### **Assumptions:**

- There are approximately 51 certified animal control agencies in the state.
- According to the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, the one-time cost to conduct such a study is estimated to be approximately \$42,400 which includes the following: personnel costs of \$35,700 (\$700 x 51 shelters); staff support cost of \$5,000 (150 hours @\$33.33/hr.); travel cost of \$1,000; and communications/printing/postage cost of \$700.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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